

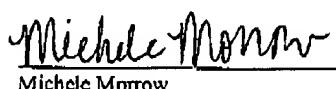
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Gusler et al.**§ Group Art Unit: **2136**Serial No.: **09/687,100**§ Examiner: **Hoffman, Brandon S.**Filed: **October 12, 2000**§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0401-US1**

**For: Method and System for
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Sir:

This Statement of Common Ownership is submitted in response to a telephone request by Examiner Brandon Hoffman on May 16, 2006.

REMARKS

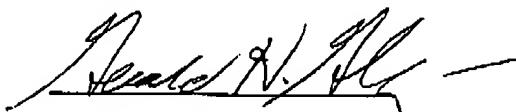
As requested by the Examiner, this will confirm that U.S. Patent No. 6,336,117 (Massarani) and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same entity, International Business Machines Corporation. Accordingly, U.S. Patent No. 6,336,117 does not qualify as prior art with respect to the present application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(c).

In view of the above Statement, it is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

DATE: May 17, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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